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## BLOOMFIELD'S SEWAGE.

HOW MONTCLAIR'S OUTLET COULD BE USED TO CARRY IT AWAY.

Scheme by Which This Town Could Join with Montclair and Save Money.

The clerk of Montclair township, under the direction of the Township Committee, has written to the Sewer Committee of this town desiring to know the space that this town will require in the Montclair outlet sewer, and the extent of territory that it is proposed to claim into it.

The Montclair main could probably be utilized to carry off the sewage from about sixty per cent. of the territory of this town. It could be intersected with sewers in all the streets that cross Washington Street, between the Montclair line and the Centre. The Ridge Avenue sewer could be used to carry off the sewage from the block bounded by the railway, Ridgewood Avenue, and Washington Avenue; the Thomas Street intersection on the north side of the large block bounded by the railway, Hillside Avenue, and Washington Avenue.

On the south side of Washington Avenue an intersection at Ashland Avenue would carry off the sewage from Ridgewood Avenue south, Maclellan and Linden avenues with their intersecting streets west and south of Ashland Avenue. The Bloomfield Avenue intersection at the Centre could serve for all the territory from the Montclair line for a wide distance on both sides of the avenue. Important intersections being made at Ridge Avenue, Ridgewood Avenue, and Liberty Street.

The Broad Street intersection of the Montclair outlet would be another very important one, carrying the sewage from a large extent of territory. A sewer through Spruce Street to Montgomery Street, intersecting the Montclair main at Franklin and Montgomery Streets, would also be an important intersection, carrying the sewage from a large number of streets.

It appears the Montclair outlet will be available as the main sewer of this town as well as Montclair. If such is the case the agreement about to be entered into between this town and Montclair is a very important one and a matter in which due care should be taken to conserve this town's rights in every respect. The Montclair officials are reported in the local papers of that town regarding the conditions of right as offered by Bloomfield are too numerous to list. It is estimated that Bloomfield is endeavoring to get a sewer built at the expense of Montclair. The perhaps unofficial utterances of the Montclair papers were premature. Joint sewer contracts are no longer novelties. This town has made one such contract. The points have been picked up which will doubtless prove of service in making another one. The communication from Montclair will probably be considered at the next meeting of the Township Committee.

**Knights of Pythias Elect Officers.**  
At the regular meeting of Eureka Lodge, No. 48, Knights of Pythias, on Tuesday evening the ranks of Equinox and Knight were conferred in a very impressive manner. The election of officers resulted as follows: C. C. Williams, E. Hill; V. C. Charles T. Van Court; P. C. James Crisp, Jr.; P. C. Joseph E. Hill; M. of E. George W. Way; M. of F. Frederick S. Moore; K. of R. Joseph Bickler; Master-at-Arms, Frank C. Bucher; Representative to Grand Lodge, Charles A. Clark; Alternate, Joseph Reinheimer; Trustee for three years, John Jenkins; Auditing Committee, Solomon Harris, William Baldwin, Joseph Reinheimer. A committee was appointed to prepare a letter of condolence on the death of the wife of Bucher Lyle.

**Wants His Son Back.**  
Michael Konkoski, whose mother died at his birth and who was given by the seventeen-year-old sister eight years ago to a family residing on upper Broad Street named Taylor, has been found by Justice Post at Hanover, N. J. The child's father now wants him back, and has formally demanded him from Taylor. The latter refused Konkoski's request, and claims \$1,525 for keeping the boy for the past eight years.

**Thrown From His Carriage.**  
Benedict Harkey, father of James H. Harkey, the well-known milk-dealer, was thrown from his carriage and severely injured about the head last Sunday. His horse became frightened on the Westfield road and ran away. The driver occupants of the carriage were injured.

Skating shoes at Shoenthal's. Advt.

## SANTA CLAUS.

How He Conducted Himself at Westminster Church.

We all remember how in our childhood our belief in Santa Claus was one of the strongest beliefs of our nature, and how, as the horrible discovery was afterwards made that there was no Santa Claus, that the old gentleman only existed in the imaginations of our wicked elders, who used him to cover up their own wrongs, life was no longer worth the living. Some of us have not gotten over that terrible feeling of disappointment even yet, and there lingers away down in our hearts somewhere the belief that there really is and always has been a Santa Claus. And so when we saw the merry old gentleman in Westminster Church on Wednesday, we felt like shouting, "We told you so; there is a Santa Claus." For Westminster Church increased the load of obligation under which this town is now staggering by inducing St. Nicholas to come to town and distribute the presents in person. Don't tell us again that there is no Santa Claus; might as well tell us there is no Westminster, and she is so much in evidence now that it would be hard indeed to make that statement go down anywhere. Our sentiments are well expressed in the words of one chubby little miss, who was overheard to say: "I know there is a Santa Claus; I see him with my own eyes, and I heard him 'peak too. He tumbled up of a chimney, and then tumbled the chimney down, and gave everybody one of the bricks, and they were changed into candy-bones. And he taught me up in his arms and kissed me, too."

How the old Saint was induced to depart from his custom so far as to appear in public is something of a mystery; but we learn on good authority that our genial friend L. H. Benedict had something to do with it. But Santa Claus always comes late, and so before his appearance a very pleasant programme had been prepared, and was executed very acceptably. There was singing by the choir and the school as well as a very pretty exercise by the infant class; and a charming address was delivered to the children by Mr. Dickerson of the First Presbyterian Sunday-school. In many respects it may be called an ideal address. It consisted of a series of short stories, told in language easily comprehensible by the little ones, and leading up to a good moral, and was not long enough to become wearisome. The whole entertainment was very enjoyable, and will no doubt be pleasantly remembered by all who were there until another Christmas comes around, and Westminster, according to her usual custom, tries to do a little better than she did before.

**Christmas at St. Paul's.**  
There were three beautiful and impressive services in St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church on Christmas Day. The church and chancel were decorated with evergreens, while the altar was embellished with bright flowers and a handsome gold memorial cross, the Christmas gift of a friend. The rector, John W. Williams, preached at the morning service. Special music was sung. Mr. D. Y. Williams, the organist and choir master, directed the choir of men and boys in an able manner. The musical programme at this service was: Processional Hymn, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"; Te Deum, Hutchinson, in E flat; Benedictus, Stainer; Introit, "There were Shepherds," by Vincent; Offertory, "O Zion," by Stainer; Communion Service by Goupod. In the afternoon the Sunday-school had a service of song, the choir leading. In the evening the rector again preached and an attractive programme of music was rendered: Processional Hymn, "Alleluia"; Magnificat, Burnett, in F; Nunc Dimittis, Burnett, in F; Anthem (after 3d collect), "O Zion," by Stainer; Offertory, "Hallelujah," for alto, etc., W. H. Monk. Recessional Hymn, "Sing Alleluia." Monk. All three services will be repeated next Sunday, New Year's Day. The services throughout were well attended.

**Christmas at the German Church.**  
The German Presbyterian Church was filled on Monday evening at the annual Christmas festival of the Sunday-school. The entertainment consisted of stereoscopic views, with singing by the Sunday-school scholars. Prof. Baw sang a baritone solo in his usual fine form. After the tree had been lighted the gifts were distributed. Prof. Baw has accepted an engagement to sing in opera in New York City.

**A Turkey Supper.**  
The Hope Chapel Sunday-school enjoyed a turkey supper in the lecture-room of the First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening. Mr. John R. Broughton, the superintendent, presided. Exercises were held in the chapel last Sunday afternoon.

Happy and content is a home with "The Rochester," a lamp with the light of the morning. Call on Rochester Lamp Co. at Park Place, N. Y.

## Mr. Gallagher Explains.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: I notice with some surprise, in your issue of December 24, in an article entitled "The Sewer Muddle," a statement credited to my friend Martin Hummel, that "Joseph D. Gallagher advised the procedure by resolution, and that Mr. Gallagher said that of the two methods open to the Committee, either by ordinance or by resolution, the latter was preferable."

I know that in this "Sewer Muddle" my partner, Dr. Richards, did not intend to reply through the press to the criticisms made upon him, and that in writing this letter I am going counter to his judgment. This I should not have done had I not been drawn into this case by the statement mentioned. In reply to Mr. Hummel's statement, I beg leave to say that Mr. Hummel is in error, that I never advised the procedure by resolution, nor said that procedure by ordinance was preferable to procedure by resolution, nor in any way, directly or indirectly, expressed such an opinion, and for the very good reason that I never was asked the question, had never formed any opinion on the subject, and I think at that time, which was in June 1891, had not sufficient knowledge of the subject to venture giving an opinion if asked.

What I did do was to give the Township Committee an opinion as to which of the various statutes upon the books they could proceed under in providing a system of sewage within the township of Bloomfield.

My conclusions were: First, that the law of 1884 and its supplements were repealed by the law of March 26th, 1890, which provides for submission to the people before the benefits of the act can be enjoyed by the township.

Second, that the act of March 26th, 1890, was the act under which the township must operate. This opinion was rendered on June 4th, 1891, and on June 10th I called the attention of the Sewer Committee to the act of April 14th, 1890, which is similar to the act of March 26th, but does away with the submission to the people, and said "that if that act of April 14th applied to Bloomfield, the Township Committee could go on and adopt the system of sewerage without reference to the people." I read my opinion from manuscript, the original of which I now have before me. The opinion did not deal with any question of contracts with other municipalities, which, so far as I know, were not then being considered, nor did it deal with the right to make such contracts, nor the method of making them, but solely with the law relating to a local sewer system and raising funds to establish such a system.

In the opinions expressed at that time I still believe, viz.: that the law of 1884 is repealed, and that the township is governed by one of the two laws of 1890. Further, I would say in this matter, that throughout this whole sewer matter my partner, Dr. Richards, who was then Town Counsel, was in frequent conference with me, and I have been fully informed of his opinions before they were rendered and have agreed with all of them, except upon the question as to whether the act of 1884 was repealed. Upon that we differ and are likely to until the matter is settled by the courts. I can say therefore with great confidence, that neither Dr. Richards nor any other member of my firm ever gave the Sewer Committee or the Township Committee an opinion that the contract with Orange should be authorized by resolution. I have now before me the opinion rendered by Dr. Richards relative to this contract, and it shows plainly that the only questions submitted to him were as to the form of contract and the power of the Committee to make it. It reads, "The contract submitted by you to me relative to a main outlet sewer is technically correct. As regards the power of the township to make such contract, it is my opinion that it has such power."

But were those gentlemen right, who are seeking to shift responsibility for the action of the Township Committee in acting by resolution instead of ordinance, and were it true that Dr. Richards, or I, or both of us, had given such an opinion, we would certainly be in excellent company, if it be true, as reported, that lawyers such as Hon. John W. Taylor, Hon. F. W. Stevens and Mr. Halsey M. Barrett, present Town Counsel, think that way, and we certainly might be pardoned for making the error into which they have fallen.

But again, were it true that in 1891 we had entertained and communicated such an opinion and had believed it, as we should have believed it to be the law, and we since that date had discovered that we were in error, the fact that we had rendered such an opinion in 1891 would not deter us for a moment from advising today directly the contrary, for we are not of that class who believe that consistency requires a man to per-

## ANNEXED TO NEWARK.

What a Great Time There Would be in Bloomfield in That Event.

Rumors that this town will shortly be annexed to the city of Newark are current and is the topic of discussion among the politicians. The Newark Board of Public Works it is said desires to extend its field of action.

The town could probably be governed more economically as a ward of the city of Newark than as an independent township. One member of the Board of Aldermen would take the place of the Township Committee. A police precinct station-house would undoubtedly be erected here and a criminal court judge appointed. A fire-engine house with an engine and truck would supplant the present Fire Department. Electric arc lights would be placed along Bloomfield Avenue. Newark Avenue would be opened to Mt. Prospect Avenue in Newark, and a street railway line run along that avenue connecting with the present line on Bloomfield Avenue at Orange Street. Asphalt pavement would be laid on Franklin Street to Newark, making a fine driveway of that street.

The distinguishing names of localities, such as Glen Ridge, Fairview and Watessing would be done away with. While the members of the Board of Aldermen would probably be Republican, the judge of the criminal court, the police sergeant, and policemen and firemen would all be Democrats. Thomas J. Flannery would be judge of the criminal court; F. N. Cavanaugh would be clerk of the court.

The annexation scheme is probably a Democratic move, as that party has the most to gain by it. If the referendum system is adopted by the Legislature the movement will be killed.

**Glen Ridge Club's Leap Year Dance.**  
The Leap Year dance given in Glen Ridge Hall on Friday evening of last week was a brilliant affair. The hall was tastefully decorated with palms and ferns. About thirty-five couples were present. The patronesses were Mrs. G. Lee Stout, Mrs. James L. Walsh, Mrs. Richard Stout and Mrs. Berrian. Music was furnished by Henry Westcott of Newark. Caterer Allen of Newark served the supper. Dancing was kept up until a late hour. Many out-of-town guests were present. Bloomfield society was well represented. Among the numerous ladies present were Miss Margaret Johnstone, who wore a costume of light blue silk; Miss Janet L. Corby, Nile green silk, with pearl trimming; Miss E. King, light blue silk and pearl trimming; Miss B. Thompson, green silk; Miss Mary Jean Walsh, blue cashmere; Miss Marie Jones, yellow and black silk; Miss Estelle Lockwood, pink silk; Miss B. Ward, pink silk; Miss Helen Newton, pink silk; Miss M. Duncan, white silk; Miss Carrie Sutton, white silk; Miss Nellie Benson, white silk; Miss Josie Cook, light blue silk; Miss M. Chittrell, pink silk; Miss L. De Gress, white silk; Miss Eva De Gress, light blue silk; Miss Stoddard, yellow silk with velvet; Miss Minn, Nile green silk and green velvet; Miss Lillian Davis, white silk; Miss Cleveland, yellow silk; Miss Dora Graves, white silk; Miss A. Bates, pink silk; Miss L. Bates, white silk; Miss Agnes Clark, white silk. Among the gentlemen present were Lee Stout, Jr., D. Jones, Harry Nash, W. McDonald, H. Chandler, H. Bradley, W. Bond, W. Ward, R. Duffield, G. Parker, C. Hart, H. Lovier, R. Johnstone, Dr. Chittrell, George Oakes, David Oakes, G. McIntosh, H. Thomas, L. Stoddard, T. Nevius, R. Moss, H. Williams, H. Benson, F. De Gress, C. Smith, and H. B. Davis.

**The Cadets Entertain.**  
The Cadets in the lower department of the M. M. A. entertained a large number of their young friends in the gymnasium at Montclair on Friday afternoon, December 23d. Bloomfield and Glen Ridge were well represented among the young people. The entertainment was under the patronage of Mrs. Halsey M. Barrett of Bloomfield and Mrs. D. Cruikshank and Mrs. J. MacVicar of Montclair.

**On Next Wednesday Evening, January 4th,** a welcome back to Jersey, will be extended to Past Grand Dictator J. Purcell Baker, who for several years has been in North Dakota, at Excelsior Lodge of this place. The members of the lodge are earnestly requested to be present and all the members of the order are cordially invited.

**Will Return in March.**  
Robert Furman, the colored man who was caught stealing wine from Baker A. Day's barn a few weeks ago, received a sentence of two months in the penitentiary at Caldwell.

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It matters not how long, how bitter, or how expensive a contest these legal gentlemen may carry on. The public pays the bill, and as long as the public is interested and amused, no objection will probably be made to the cost.

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**The Health Inspector at Work.**  
Inspector W. B. Corby of the Health Board is meeting with a great deal of difficulty in getting a cesspool cleaned out on the W. P. property, the agent of which is W. O. Sayles. The Inspector has notified Mr. Sayles a number of times about it. Mr. Sayles has replied to the effect that he is willing to comply with the law. The Inspector is tired of writing letters and is going to bring the matter before the Health Board at its next meeting.

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